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Health Care Transformation: New Roles, New Goals



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Lisa Simpson is President/CEO of AcademyHealth. A nationally recognized health policy researcher and pediatrician, she is a passionate advocate for the translation of research into policy and practice. Her research and publications focus on the role of evidence and data to improve health and health care, particularly for children and vulnerable populations.

Before joining AcademyHealth, Dr. Simpson spent eight years as a professor of pediatrics, first as an Endowed Chair in Child Health Policy at the University of South Florida and then as the Director of the Child Policy Research Center at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati. She served as the Deputy Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) from 1996 to 2002. She serves on the Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Program National Advisory Council, the Board of Directors of the Institute for Accountable Care, the National Health Council and the editorial boards for the Journal of Comparative Effectiveness Research and Healthcare: The Journal of Delivery Science and Innovation. In October 2013, Dr. Simpson was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine).



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Tom Evans, MD is the President and CEO of the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative (IHC). IHC focuses provider-led initiatives to improve statewide healthcare performance through engagement of stakeholders, rapid deployment of best practices, and public reporting of clinical performance data.

Dr. Evans received both his BA and MA degrees from Drake University. He received his MD degree from the University of Iowa in 1983 and completed his Family Medicine residency at Broadlawns Medical Center in 1986. He practiced family medicine for 13 years and served as Chief Medical Officer for the Iowa Health System from 1999 to 2005.

Dr. Evans has served as President of both the Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians, and he has served on the delegations for both the American Medical Association (AMA) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). He was a member of the Board for the National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), and currently serves on the board of the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI). He is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota.